Confirmation Seals Us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

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CHAPTER 4 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 4****.*

At the Ascension, Jesus promised to send an Advocate to strengthen his disciples. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit.

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During the Jewish feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit renewed the strength of the Apostles. They spoke about Jesus in the crowded streets of Jerusalem.

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In Confirmation, we recommit ourselves to living out the promises we made at Baptism. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to do so.

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A bishop is the usual minister for Confirmation. The Apostles first received the Holy Spirit. They were the first bishops of the Church.

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A sponsor stands with a Confirmation candidate during the ceremony. That person promises to help the candidate live as a Christian.

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Confirmation candidates receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts give them strength to be witnesses to Jesus Christ.

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The Apostles laid their hands on those who were to receive the Holy Spirit. Today the bishops do the same during Confirmation.

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The bishop anoints a Confirmation candidate with Chrism and says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Through Confirmation, we are marked forever as witnesses to Christ.

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When we are confirmed, the Holy Spirit strengthens us to be witnesses to Christ for the whole world.

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To give witness means to show others how Jesus wants us to live our lives. The best way to do that is to live as Jesus lived and to share his teaching.

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